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Notes from KK4BK (Brian)

Dear SWARC members,

The year is slowly beginning its onward path.

Each year I try to find a challenge in HAM Radio for the incoming year. Past years have included CW, Digital modes, Winlink and POTA Activation's. I worked the State QSO Parties to learn about propagation for each of the modes/bands.

This year, my plans are to Elmer a new HAM. For those of you who have been a HAM for some time, you should find a new HAM and help them along in their journey.

For those of you looking for a challenge – there is lots in the hobby to be had. Take an opportunity to learn CW. Look for CW Academy if you're interested.

Contests are another option for those of you looking for a challenge. From there you can choose Phone, CW, Digital and each of those can lead you into the Worked All States Award, and DXCC if you work the international contests.



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Even though we have the hobby of amateur radio, it's always good to make sure to reach out to folks who you haven't seen in a while. Call them – or even better. Stop by to see them.

Use this time of year to have face to face conversations. Spend time with family and friends, because the skies are dark and the temps are dropping.

Don't forget -- Club Dues are ... Due. Your dues help with lots of activities within the club. Beginning with the funds paid to the KQ4RCH Danny Hampton Memorial Radio Club for use of the 145.21 repeater. Refer to the **MEMBERSHIP** header found below in the newsletter for instructions on how to become or renew a membership.

Please remember our fellow hams who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these folks. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Penny Krum (recovering from eye surgery) and Kenny, KJ4CVK.



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Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

I went for my scans Tuesday and got the results for my chest, abdomen & pelvis, which showed no signs of mastic disease but I still haven't got the results from my neck scans. I'm seeing my oncologist Tuesday the 30th and hoping to know by then. I was told before that the neck scans are much more involved in reading and comparing from the last set of scans and require a more advanced radiologist to do that so sometimes it could take days to get those results. At least I'm hoping that's the reason for the delay this time. I will let you know when I get the neck scan results.

UPDATE:

I just got the results from my neck scan and from what they can see without contrast dye, which I am allergic to, there is more damage from the radiation treatments, but no sign of new cancer. I guessed I squeaked by again.

Richard Lee Hall:

Great news; thanks for the additional info, Gary! Happy New Year! Richard

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is in an assisted living facility, in Lillington.

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Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

“Happy New Year! Thank you for making 2025 a great year, and I look forward to another great year ahead. Don’t forget we still have a few t-shirts left.” Our January program will be a discussion of how we will do Winter Field Day and a preliminary discussion of plans for Field Day, which occurs on the last full weekend of June each year.

Please help out with our Nets. Our Net controllers love to call the Net, but we need more people to step up and assist with being a backup or temporary Net controller when one of us is out for family or medical situations. There are so many Nets out there these days, but very few are a daily Net, and if we don’t all pitch in, the current Net operators get burned out. Also, thank you to all of our Net controllers. You guys don’t hear it enough, and I appreciate you doing what you do. Nothing gets Hams more involved into Ham radio, than running a local Net. It is the one time of day, that you know that another Ham will be on the air and listening. Think about that for a minute. If we have a major disaster, this is the one time of day that Hams in your community are already in the habit of turning the radio ON.

Thank you again for being a part of the club, community, and ham family!



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South Wake ARC Vice-President

SWARC 3 Dec 2025 Meeting

Thanks to all who brought things for us to eat in addition the ham and turkey and fixings.

This was a nicely attended meeting, the food and fellowship were great!

Attendees: Richard (KR4LH) and wife Sharon, Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (KK4BK) and Janet (KR4HON-new ham), Mike (KD4OKR), Tom (KC2QVD) and girlfriend Jamie, Mike (KD4MC), Rodney (KO4ZFO) and wife Amy, Bill (KK4QDZ), Diane (KE4VNX), David (AE4DG), Navin (KF4LFW) and wife Sophia, Phil (KZ4OE), Steve (WB4SMS) and wife Liz, Al (WA4TCJ), Linda (KI4LO), visitor John (KQ4VRJ) and newest member, Tim (W2KEJ).



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Christy provided her report for this newsletter. November's activity included income of \$372.50 and expenses of \$132.34 for remaining balance of \$3,258.97. If you have questions about this report, please address them to Christy.

Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>. The public service season is complete for 2025 so check the website above early in 2026 for upcoming events.

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP

It is now time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. You can pay at a meeting or send a check to the PO Box – OR ->

We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for



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dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms/

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

We will no longer be reporting monthly net numbers in the newsletter. **Very few** net controls record their counts, so numbers could be significantly higher than what is recorded on the spreadsheet.

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. **If you need help with the spreadsheet, send KR4LH a copy of your handwritten log and he will enter them. Text Richard at 830-515-9762 with a picture of your log.**



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- Sunday evenings - KR4LH
- Monday evenings - KO4ZFO
- Tuesday evenings – KD4OKR
- Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights – KD4MC
- Thursday evenings – KN4OEY
- Friday evenings - NC4MP
- Saturday evenings – KK4BK

- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KM4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ), Al Kinnamon (WA3JJG), Navin Kalicharan (KF4LFW) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Brian Knox (KK4BK), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and



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education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars..net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net



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North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org

Due to formatting issues, I will forward the most recent ARRL News to all members, regardless of your membership in ARRL or not!